

**WEEKLY REPORT  
Region 9  
Environmental Protection Agency  
December 12, 2016**

**The week of December 5, 2016**

**DTSC Approves Exide Closure Plan and CEQA EIR:** CA DTSC approved the CEQA Environmental Impact Report and the Final Closure Plan for the Exide Technologies facility in Vernon, California. The approved plan requires Exide to mechanically remove the smelted lead in kettles and vats. The first phase, expected to last for three years, includes removal of all hazardous wastes, decontamination and removal of all contaminated equipment and structures, and soil sampling and removal. The second phase will include removal of additional contaminated soil and capping, while the third phase involves long-term monitoring and maintenance. The EIR may be appealed within 30 days. The Closure Plan is final. (Randell x2-3439)

**Ninth Circuit Upholds Dismissal of Sanitation District Challenge to TMDL Consent Decree:** The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld two district court decisions denying the Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority's motions to intervene and to vacate a 1999 Consent Decree requiring EPA and the State of California to establish several hundred total maximum daily loads ("TMDLs") for Los Angeles area water bodies. Las Virgenes argued that the district court lacked subject matter jurisdiction to enter and enforce the decree because of a later Ninth Circuit decision. (Moffatt, ORC, 2-3946).

**SR-79 Realignment Project Final EIS, Riverside County, CA:** We sent comments to Caltrans and the Riverside County Transportation Commission on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the SR-79 Realignment Project. As a result of our engagement, the preferred alternative for this highway project has fewer impacts than the alternative originally proposed, which would have bisected a plain that includes hundreds of acres of seasonally flooded vernal pool habitat. There will be no impacts to high-value vernal pools, and more than 200 acres of the plain will be protected. (Meek, 2-3370)

**Objecting to Mine Expansion Proposal in Arizona:** Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Goldmann 2-3398)

**Air Force signs Settlement with City of Tucson for TARP:** The Air Force signed a settlement agreement this week with the City of Tucson for the operation of the Tucson Airport Remediation Project, which is a treatment plant designed to pump and treat TCE-contaminated groundwater. The plant also treats groundwater for use as public drinking water for about 6% of the City of Tucson's water supply. Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

(Contact: Mary Aycock, x2-3289)

**Red Hill Site Assessment and Monitoring Scope of Work:** We and Hawaii DOH conditionally approved the Navy's Scope of Work (SOW) for the Red Hill Investigation and Remediation of Releases Plan. The SOW describes the process and schedule for developing a number of deliverables including the conceptual site model, groundwater flow and fate and transport modeling, and an evaluation of the groundwater monitoring network. (Pallarino x7-4128)

**Final Las Vegas Green & Complete Streets Report:** We delivered the final Las Vegas Green & Complete Streets report to the City of Las Vegas and the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada. The report will be used by the local government to market and build support for the complete street project, and to help identify partners and funding. This design assistance was part of the MVD effort in the Las Vegas Valley and was funded with \$80K from the Office of Sustainable Communities. (Stollman x2-3729)

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ChemWood Hawaii:

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**Mendocino Air District Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Rule:** Deliberative Process (b) (5)

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**North Coast Air District Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) Rule:** Deliberative Process (b) (5)

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**Approval of Ajo and Morenci SO<sub>2</sub> Plans:** Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Tax, 7-4192)

**Approving Copper and Lead Standards and TMDL Revision for LA River:** Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Hashimoto, 2-3452)